Migration of labourers in Orissa

2678. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government has any information that a large number of labourers are being migrated from KBK Districts of Orissa after the harvesting seasons; and

if so, the steps taken by Government to check the migration of labour force from these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain data regarding the labourer migrated from KBK Districts of Orissa. However, the Ministry of Rural Development implements with the State Governments, the major self and wage employment generation schemes namely, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) in rural areas of the country and the schemes under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA). The NREGA has been made effective since 2nd February, 2006 in 200 most backward districts and provides legal Guarantee for 100 days of unskilled manual work to each rural households demanding for it in a financial year.

(b) The objective of these schemes are to provide supplementary wage employment, food security and creation of rural infrastructure and also to check migration from rural to urban areas.

Reforms in Textile sector

2679. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the Textiles sector needs more reforms and investment;

whether the IMF has asked India to step up reforms and investment in this sector to bolster the sector's competitiveness; and

if so, the action plan of the Centre to revamp and upgrade this sector and remove the existing constraints to boost up its exports?